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Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program (CERP)

Under this program, revisions of 13 sections of economic reporting instructions were completed, and draft evaluations of CERP reporting on 16 countries were coordinated within the intelligence community.

Assistance to the Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program (CERP), under the Division of Foreign Reporting of the Department of State (REP/State) involved continuing review of current economic reporting instructions and evaluation of economic reporting from non-Bloc foreign areas. Formerly REP/State communicated with the intelligence components of the IAC agencies through the Subcommittee Secretariat, which coordinated the contributions of these intelligence components and forwarded them to REP/State. This procedure has been recently modified so that REP/State has for the most part communicated directly with the intelligence components of the individual IAC Agencies. The Subcommittee Secretariat has continued to coordinate suggested changes in reporting instructions, and evaluations of reports provided by CIA. Also, if differences develop among the IAC agencies on CERP matters, the Subcommittee Secretariat coordinates an intelligence community position for REP/State. (From Fourth Annual Progress Report)

Responsibility for coordinating the interests of the intelligence community in CERP has largely reverted to the various departments or agencies concerned. Only when there are differences of opinion within the community does the Secretariat of the Requirements Subcommittee function to coordinate views. During the period of this report, no differences were referred to the Secretary for resolution. (From 8 Months Progress Report, 1955  
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Economic Reporting Guidance Program

Three additional specific guides have been prepared for the use of the economic reporting officers in the USSR and the European Satellites. Plant listings compiled by the Industrial Register, CIA, have also been provided for each Satellite country.

From the Fourth Annual Progress Report - The Economic Reporting Guidance Program expanded the assistance and guidance it furnishes to economic reporting officers at US missions with the Soviet Bloc. This program provided close liaison, briefings and debriefings, evaluations, and background studies. The amount of guidance and cartographic support provided was increased during the year. Pertinent finished intelligence was forwarded to the missions at Moscow, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, and Bucharest on a selective basis.

From the Eight Months Progress Report - Reporting guidance, maps, and photographic equipment have been supplied Foreign Service economic reporting officers in Bucharest, Budapest, Moscow, Prague and Warsaw.

Advice and Assistance on Coordination of Requirements Problems

The Subcommittee on Requirements published a report on "Washington Coordination of Economic Intelligence Requests to the Field", dated 25 October 1954, which was disseminated to representatives of the EIC and to all the EIC substantive subcommittees and working groups. The report is a comprehensive summary of the facilities and procedures available in Washington for the coordination of economic intelligence requests. A directory of IAC collection personnel and their assignments was prepared and attached to the report.

Exchange of Collection and Interrogation Manuals

The Subcommittee has compiled a draft survey, listing economic and scientific interrogation and collection guides which have been prepared by the IAC agencies. This draft survey is being reviewed by the subcommittee members and the contributing agencies. It is scheduled for completion in March 1954.

See EIC-S-23, Bibliography of Economic, Technical and Scientific Guide Requirements.

Development of Procedures for Filling Priority Collection Gaps

The Economic Intelligence Committee at its meeting of 2 December 1954 (EIC-M-40) directed the Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation to undertake coordinated action to implement the four surveys of priority deficiencies of collection (two on electronics and two on transportation) already approved. The Subcommittee has been asked, after developing procedures for filling these priority collection gaps specified in the surveys, to make a detailed report to the EIC which would include: "(a) a recapitulation of the extent to which each of the individual collection deficiencies listed is being covered by the collection channels available to the community - including any subcommittee recommendations as to needs for higher priority for the use of any channel for any particular item or items, and (b) a brief statement of the Subcommittee's views as to the value of this exercise, generally, and its recommendations for the continuation or modification of the exercise to cover other EIC subcommittee fields."

From the Eight Months Progress Report - The report of the Requirements Subcommittee on "Action Taken on EIC Deficiency Surveys" was submitted to the EIC (EIC-D-109, 28 July 1956). In its report the Subcommittee concluded that in the process of compiling such surveys, by the substantive subcommittees, principal deficiencies in reporting become apparent to the members, who then serve collection requirements on the field through the regular mechanism of their particular agencies. By the time the Requirements Subcommittee can consider possible courses of action on these surveys, much of the necessary collection action has already been taken. The subcommittee, therefore, recommended that while such surveys should continue to be referred to the

the subcommittee for review, it should be recognized that the Subcommittee would not normally undertake formal and comprehensive collection action.